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SEEKING REVENGE

Thomas M. Norwood, of Savannah, Ga., has paid for his vile wrath against the colored man in the South. Elsewhere in The Bee will be read with disgust Norwood's attack upon colored Americans in the South. Since the retirement of Vardaman of Mississippi never have such utterances been made against colored Americans in the South. The country may not know who Norwood is. He was at one time in the United States Senate. His record does not show any degree of brilliancy while a member of that branch of Congress. He was a candidate for Governor of Georgia, against Colquitt, and neither received the nomination; they both ran as independent Democrats.

Norwood came within twenty votes of the nomination. At any rate he appealed to colored men of Georgia to support him, but they know the character of the man, and every colored man in the State, and indeed in his own county, voted against him, thus losing his county by over one thousand votes. The colored voters would not permit him to carry his own county; thus it can be seen that the greatest ambition of his life was frustrated by the colored vote of Georgia and especially his own county.

Norwood was then appointed a Police Court judge, such as we have in this city, and whenever a colored prisoner was brought before him he was always reminded of how he was treated in the contest for Governor. He is now old and decrepit, and the bloom of his political ambition has been plucked and is now faded like a rotten tomato. He has lost his political prestige, and like a degraded vagabond he is lost to the world. He is upon his last legs. He dislikes to die and be sent to a grave unnoticed.

In the last moment of his degraded rage he know of but one thing that would remind the South that he once existed, and that was to attempt to degrade the colored American. He has drawn attention to his existence only. No one would have ever known that such an animal as Norwood ever existed had it not been for his recent tirade against the Southern colored man. The Bee never knew of such an animal before. The South, that is a portion of it, loves to feed upon such rot as Norwood throws to it. There are some gentlemen in the South and there are Southern ladies who do not fear the colored man and feel safer in his presence than they do in the presence of the poor white trash.

This Police Court judge, who claimed to have tried over twelve thousand colored people, failed to state how many white prisoners have been tried and convicted before him.

This animal who has now been uncaged has read no history, of the colored man. The greatest generals, philosophers, scientists, physicians, scholars, orators, inventors and the like may be found in the colored race. The greatest

thieves, murderers and scoundrels are found among the people Norwood claims to represent. The colored man has not learned how to carry away banks, trust funds, railroads and insurance companies as yet. If the colored American is permitted to become contaminated with Anglo-Saxon civilization he will soon learn all his tricks and his art of destruction. At present he is contented with robbing chicken coops or ham houses and watermelon fields. He doesn't attempt to debauch the women of the white race, as white men do with colored women. The colored man does not set up and maintain white sporting houses as white men do. If farther south is similar to the District of Columbia there are five or six colored sporting houses supported entirely by white patrons. This kind of living does not speak very well for Anglo-Saxon civilization, of which this Police Court Judge Norwood speaks.

Our respectable colored girls in this city are afraid to walk upon the public streets for fear of being pursued by some white scoundrel. There is more immorality among the Norwood class in the South than there is among the colored people. Whenever a colored American demonstrates inventive genius the first thing that is said is "He has white blood in him." Paul Lawrence Dunbar had not one drop of white blood in him. Rev. Highland Garnett, Martin R. Delany, Scarborough, and hundreds of others of like characters are pure, unadulterated colored Americans, and are examples foreign to the memory of the Police Court judge.

Let this inscription be written upon the tombstone of Norwood: "The greatest braying ass the South ever produced."

THE BEE'S MOTION SE- C- ONDED.

From the National View.
The Washington Bee in its latest issue very generously renders to Booker T. Washington the tribute and praise due him for the great work he has done toward developing a commercial and business spirit amongst the Negro people, and very properly suggests that for this and other high services he has rendered that people, of whom he is the greatest living witness, a national testimonial be tendered to him in the city of Washington. It is the occasion of no small pleasure to note that those who are opposed to Dr. Washington receiving the tribute and affection due him for his activities and achievements are growing beautifully less. Men are coming to their senses. We may disagree ever so widely with Dr. Washington on a given question, but it is to get an axe for us, and we a dirk for him? We have never been able to believe that Dr. Washington fights that way, although many witnesses have testified that this is so. We know better, for we know the man. All things considered Dr. Washington is the most illustrious Negro in American history. He is a great man, and his workers are indeed wondrous. But back to The Bee's suggestion. Says our esteemed Washington contemporary:

Go where you may, you will see the Negro doing what his white brother is doing. He is getting there, and the credit is due to that man who has made the Negro in business a factor. Does he not deserve our gratitude? Is there any gratitude in the Negro? If there is, The Bee suggests a national testimonial to Booker T. Washington by the Negroes of America. Let such a testimonial take place in May of 1908 at Convention Hall.

Who will second the motion of The Bee?

The National Review cheerfully and hastily seconds the motion of The Bee, and congratulates Editor Chase on so thoughtful and so generous a move, testifying as it does that the racial atmosphere is clarifying and that the Negro is really learning what it means to him to have a man like Dr. Washington constantly pulling at the heartstrings of the American people. If such a testimonial as Mr. Chase has in mind materializes, we promise that no community will have a larger, more enthusiastic or more loyal representation than New York. This is Washington's country.

Now that the National View of New York, one of the leading journals in the East, has seconded the motion of The Bee to tender a national testimonial in May to Prof. Booker T. Washington, let all lovers of commercial and industrial freedom, which means a new emancipation for colored Am-

ericans, join in this the greatest event in the history of colored Americans. The success of colored Americans in business is largely due to this distinguished educator. This new dispensation was inaugurated by Dr. Washington, which is the salvation of colored Americans. The Bee would like to have suggestions from representative colored Americans at once, so that a national committee be formed. It has been suggested that every State in the Union be represented on this committee, and every State send as many representative men as possible. It is also suggested that an executive committee be named to proceed at once with details. Let us now put the occasion in operation at once.

A BAD PRACTICE.

It is to be regretted that so many complaints are made against certain colored citizens by virtue of a seemingly bad practice. It tends to depreciate the credit of good people who shoulder their own responsibilities and burdens. The merchants in this city are very liberally disposed toward the colored citizens, and their credit with these merchants is very seldom questioned.

The Bee in this connection wants to direct the attention of the pastors of the several colored churches to what it desires to say relative to the bad practice among certain colored people:

The merchants of the city complain that it is a custom among colored married people to obtain goods on credit either in the husbands or the wife's name, or if the husband obtain the goods, soon thereafter the wife will apply to the same house for credit; or if the wife gets the goods in the husband's name or in his own name, or in her own name on account of her husband's credit, and when the collector calls the wife will say, "Oh! that bill is for my husband," or if the husband comes to the door he will say: "My wife made that bill, and I decline to have anything to do with it."

This kind of practice does not only discredit the individuals, but a large number of honest colored citizens are affected thereby. It should be stopped, and that at once. The new year should not be guilty of such practices on the part of any people. The white merchants of the city are more than friendly disposed toward the colored people, and many of them make sacrifices. It is hoped that the suggestions made by The Bee will be heeded, and that the ministers of the churches will do all in their power to impress upon the colored people or those who purchase goods on credit will see to it that they deal honestly and fairly.

Cease this bad practice.

LINING UP.

It is amusing to see how candidates for delegates are looming up. There will be candidates of all shades and opinions. Just what the platform of the candidates are The Bee is not able to state at present. But as far as The Bee can ascertain many of them are testing their popularity.

Dr. Wilder wants the Freedmen's Hospital, hence he believes that his election as delegate will get it for him.

Dr. Lofton is ambitious for notoriety and wishes to test his popularity.

Dr. C. C. Stewart is a candidate on general principles.

Attorney R. R. Horner is the candidate of Mr. Percy Carson, who is at present the janitor of the District Building. Mr. Carson has not been able to select a white man to run with Mr. Horner as yet.

Attorney L. M. King was presented by Dr. W. Bruce Evans and others. He is virtually the candidate of Dr. Evans.

Mr. James W. Gray will be the candidate of the Waters' Association. He is popular among the boys.

Dr. Atwood is not a candidate.

It will cost from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to be elected, no matter who the successful candidates are. This being the Capital of the Nation, delegates cost more.

Before the political sharks let loose the ambitious politicians will either have a mortgage on his home or his bank account will be beautifully less. It is an easy matter to announce your candidacy for delegate, but it is a hard road to travel. By the end of next month the boys will know how they stand with the voters. There are twenty-two districts to be fed and watered, and about five hundred walking politicians who carry the votes in their vest pockets. Their claims are not much, but more will be satisfied with nothing less than a District Commissionership, Recorder of Deeds, or Register of Wills. None want the ministership to "Dahomey."

THE COLORED AMERICAN

The Bee has been considering what is best for the colored American. Should he eliminate politics from the equation and make commercial business the direct object of his citizenship? Must he allow the ballot to lay dormant, which is a weapon of his defense? The political enemies of the colored American assert that he is too incompetent to handle the ballot, and until he demonstrates his ability to use it he must be deprived of it. Was this government founded upon such basis? Did the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States mean the elimination of the colored vote at the time of their adoption? It no longer means the protection of the civil and political rights of the colored American. He is a passing factor; he is a political non-entity, and a thing to be bartered and dispensed with as a cattle. Many would have him to believe that this is a white man's government and he alone must rule every nationality, no matter what is guaranteed by the Constitution. This political prejudice has permeated the atmosphere of the entire North, and in that section of our common country he is more considered than at the South, where State Legislatures have disfranchised him and deprived him of his citizenship.

If the colored American attempts to defend his citizenship he is told that he is impudent; that he assumes too much; that he has no rights that must be protected by the courts and the government he has upheld by the weapons that have made this nation great both upon land and sea. He resents no insult. He humiliates himself and pliantly submits to oppression. The question, therefore, is What is best for the colored American?

WHAT MEANS THIS?

There is a growing feeling now among certain classes of colored people in this city that actuates them to assume superiority over another class. The colorphobia seems to have taken a strong hold upon this would-be superior class, as they think, united, they have reached a point to ignore intelligence and respectability.

The colored schools have become intoxicated to such an extent that broad declarations have been made that the darkskinned teacher must be eliminated.

In the coming investigation of the schools by the Senate Committee will be disclosed some remarkable things that will cause decent citizens to blush.

Dr. Chancellor threatens to expose some things that have been related to him against many respectable teachers by those high in authority. If what has been said be true, many respectable citizens have been slandered because they have been falsely represented. The so-called social element in this community has played a degenerating part to debase those who have lived above suspicion. Rumor has it that colored citizens of the highest integrity have been misrepresented to the Superintendent, and if he tells all that he threatens a few tattlers, under the guise of

moral reformers, will be exposed. The Senate Committee is in session of some startling incidents.

THE COLORED PREACHERS.

At a meeting of the Baptist ministers Union a few days ago an exception was taken to the position of The Bee on the prohibition question. The Bee would like to know if the Baptist ministers intend to meddle with the whiskey question. If these gentlemen know what is best they would let the whiskey question alone. There are other things that they can handle more effectively than the whiskey question. If they don't know what they are The Bee will enlighten them very shortly.

There are some ministers who drink more whiskey than the habitual drinker, and there are many others who are doing more harm to society than whiskey. A hint to the wise ought to be sufficient. Unless a minister is clean himself he should let the whiskey question alone.

EX-PUBLIC PRINTER RICKETTS.

There is no man in this country any more popular with all classes of people than Ex-Public Printer Ricketts. He is not only a simon-pure Republican of the old school, but a man who believes in equality of citizenship. Mr. Ricketts is the laboring man's friends as his record shows at the time he was Public Printer. Every man, woman and child hold this distinguished American in high esteem, and The Bee hopes that the day is not far distant when the American people and more especially the people in the District of Columbia, when they will be able to show the esteem in which he is held by them. He is honest as well as sincere in all of his dealings.

MR. SIDNEY BIEBER.

Elsewhere in The Bee will be seen a portrait and a short sketch of Mr. Sidney Bieber, chairman of the committee appointed by the National Committee to arrange for the election of delegates to the National Republican Convention. Mr. Bieber is a Republican, and a young man of many brilliant parts. He is active and persevering, and one of the best friends the Republicans have in this city. His efforts to take the colored people out of the slumps will be hailed with delight.

Mr. Bieber, when he was assistant fire commissioner, recommended more colored men than all his predecessors combined. He knows no man by the color of his skin. He believes in equality of citizenship.

OUR SCHOOLS.

The people are very anxious that the school system be under the control of the District Commissioners. So far as honesty is concerned, no better men can be found than the present Board of Commissioners. The former control of the public schools was in the hands of Commissioner Macfarland. Everybody knows that Mr. Macfarland would appoint no man or woman a member of the School Board who did not come up to the standard.

If Congress will allow the colored people to control their own schools they will be satisfied.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOP- MENT

Editor P. W. Chavers, of the Ohio Standard World, is out for commercial development as the only remedy to advance the colored Americans. The Bee is of the same opinion and it believes that he is on the right track. This is Professor Washington's theory, and it is hoped that Editor Chavers will continue to advocate this doctrine as the only solution of the colored Americans.

The Bee stands ready to give Editor Chavers its support in this new departure of the race's development.

OUR SCHOOLS.

There are many theorists in

Congress and in this city who have suggested or advanced many propositions as to the kind of education is best for colored children and how the schools should be managed. Speaking for the colored schools, The Bee has this to say: The colored people desire to manage their own schools. They are capable and they also know the wants of their children. Colored schools under colored supervision will progress as they have heretofore.

THE "TATTLER."

There is no being more dangerous in a community than the tattler. He is a mischief-maker and a demon in society.

MR. JOHN E. MCGAW.

Editor of The Bee:
Will you kindly permit me to suggest to the Republican voters of the District of Columbia one of the best Republicans in the District of Columbia, Mr. John E. McGaw, as a suitable man for an alternate delegate to the next National Republican Convention.

I saw a brief mention of Hon. Oscar J. Ricketts, Dr. W. S. Richardson and others in your columns last week, which highly pleased a large majority of Republicans in this city. Mr. McGaw, especially, has always been a friend to active working Republicans and a man who has taken a deep interest in their welfare. I merely suggest the name of Mr. McGaw because he is known among the Republicans of this city, and a man of great business qualifications, who has taken an interest in all progressive business movements for the benefit of the Capital City.

Very respectfully,

George C. Haywood.

EX-RECORDER "MATTHEWS IN TOWN.

Hon. James C. Matthews, of Albany, New York, and formerly Recorder of Deeds under the Cleveland administration, and also judge of the Superior Court of Albany (N. Y.), was in the city, with his wife, last week. They were the guests of Rev. Waldron and wife. Mrs. Waldron is the sister of Mrs. Matthews. Mr. Matthews, when Recorder of Deeds, was the boss of his office and a man who has highly respected by President Cleveland. As the representative of the Democratic administration he had retained in office hundreds of colored Republicans who otherwise would have been removed. Mr. Matthews was Democratic in principles and in his ways. He was a man among the people. He allowed no white man to run his office or dictate to him as to how his offices should be run. He is the first and only presidential officeholder to appoint a colored man deputy recorder of deeds. None of his predecessors or successors were the equal of this distinguished New York politician. If the colored officeholder who have been given presidential appointment would exercise the manhood that Mr. Matthews did when he was in the city the race would be represented indeed and in fact. Notwithstanding Mr. Matthews' politics, hundreds of Republicans then in office appealed to him to save them, which he did.

He and his accomplished wife left this week for their home.

AT TRINITY.

Rev. J. A. Taylor D.D., pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, preached a grand Christmas sermon on Christmas morning at five o'clock to a crowded house. The subject was: "Welcome News from Heaven."

The Doctor electrified his congregation with his eloquence, many declaring that it was the finest sermon they had ever heard him preach. The singing by the choir was excellent. They rendered choice selections from the "Messiah" and "Immanuel," opening the services with "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Madame J. Taylor Nickens presided at the organ. It was indeed an excellent service. At the close of the service Trustee Jones came forward and presented to the pastor a fifty dollar suit in behalf of the church. There was also presented to the pastor a twenty-five dollar overcoat in behalf of some gentlemen friends. Deacon Cook next presented a purse in behalf of the congregation. Mrs. Fannie Taylor made a presentation of a handsome silver water set for the pulpit in behalf of a company of ladies, and Mrs. Laura Delany in behalf of another company presented the church a set of table linen for the Communion service. Thus closed one of the most glorious services held in Trinity.

AMBLER'S GIFT.

Mr. Ambler, of the District, gave his son-in-law and daughter a very nice house, which is a very valuable piece of property, for their Christmas present. Mr. R. A. Webb and Miss Mary Ambler were married very quietly last fall. Mr. Webb owns valuable property in Washington, D. C., and Arkansas. He is a graduate of the P. S. College, and holds a Government position, which he received through a competitive Civil Service examination.